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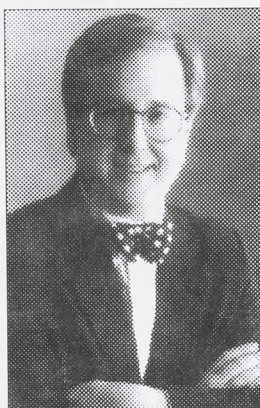
## Bloomberg to Host OPC Event

Bloomberg Financial Markets, Bloomberg News, Bloomberg Television, Bloomberg all-news Radio, Bloomberg Magazines, Bloomberg Personal Online, Bloomberg Personal Bookshelf and Professional Library and now "Bloomberg by Bloomberg." In his new book, Michael Bloomberg recounts his successful venture into multimedia and news services for business.

Published in April 1997, the book, written with Matthew Winkler, editor-in-chief of Bloomberg News, has peaked interest in the many facets

of the Bloomberg universe and the man behind the Bloomberg success.

On Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30pm Michael Bloomberg and Matt Winkler will team up to discuss the book as well as to shed light on the future of the Bloomberg services—in what ways will the media, business and the electronic age interact. OPC members have been invited to visit the Bloomberg facility at 499 Park Avenue (at 59 Street). Small groups will be given tours of the television, radio and electronic facilities by the Bloomberg staff. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will also be served.



Matthew Winkler

OPC urges attending members to bring a potential member to the event. Reservations are essential.

Please call the OPC office: 212-983-4655 to inaugurate the new season, connect with fellow members and learn about this important and successful new direction in the media from the people who created the Bloomberg phenomenon.



Michael Bloomberg

## OPC Elects New Board

OPC's board of governors held elections on Aug. 20. The new members of the active board are Seymour Topping of the Pulitzer Prize Board, Robert Dowling of *Business Week*, Alexis Gelber of *Newsweek* and Chris Wells of The Freedom Forum. Elinor Griest rejoins the board as an associate member.

Others elected were media consultant Kevin McDermott as an active alternate board member and Broadgate Consultants Senior Vice President Chris Tofalli as an associate alternate.

Board members re-elected to a second

two-year term were Roy Rowan, Linda Fasulo and Bob Sullivan. Karen Scott and Maria Ferris are active alternate members serving a one-year term.

Retiring from the board are Ed Klein, John MacArthur, Henry Muller, Peter Sturtevant, John Williams, John Polich and Fred Bona. The OPC thanks them for their time and commitment to the board.

## ICFJ Welcomes New President

The International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) has just welcomed its third president, David J. Anable. A former managing editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*, Anable was more recently chairman of the Boston University School of Journalism.

Anable was on the staff of the *Monitor* for over 20 years, serving as a foreign correspondent, New York bureau chief, international news editor and managing editor. He later joined the BU

faculty as a professor and chaired the journalism school for six years.

Anable succeeds William Siemerling, who will continue to work with ICFJ on initiatives such as establishing community radio in the developing democracies of Asia and Africa.

ICFJ, founded in 1984, provides technical expertise in many areas including training, curriculum development and fellowship programs in both professional journalism and media management.

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# Making History: Nate Thayer's Pol Pot Exclusive

By Justin Doebele

Rarely do journalists make history in the way that Nate Thayer did with his Pol Pot exclusive in July. Cambodia's mass murderer had hidden from view for nearly 20 years until Thayer uncovered him in a remote corner of Cambodia.

*To cover this beat Thayer has been in a truck blown up by a mine, contracted cerebral malaria and risked his life dozens of times in military hot zones.*

For all of those engaged in international news, Thayer's accomplishment reminds us of what it's all about: the excitement and importance of being a correspondent witnessing a pivotal event and explaining it to the rest of the world.

For Nate Thayer, it was his personal best: the accomplishment of a journalist who dug into the Cambodian story regardless of the consequences.

Unraveling Cambodia's sad and

tangled history is perhaps one of the world's most demanding assignments. To cover this beat Thayer has been in a truck blown up by a mine, contracted cerebral malaria and risked his life dozens of times in military hot zones.

Credit must also go to Thayer's magazine, the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, which also has consistently supported coverage of the Cambodian saga. The new editor of the magazine, Nayan Chanda, is himself a leading authority on Cambodia and author of the book "Brother Enemy."

In the end, it was worth it for everyone. After repeated rumors of his death, one of the most important results is proving that Pol Pot was actually still alive. The images of a frail, dejected despot provided evidence that the Khmer Rouge may finally be a spent force.

Interestingly, when ABC's Ted Koppel aired the Pol Pot videotapes on the streets of Phnom Penh, it was the first time many Cambodians had seen the man that all of them knew—and the reaction was almost universally of deep hatred.

For those Cambodians who had lost so much in the killing fields, Thayer's exclusive also raised for them the hope that finally, after so long, there might be a place for justice.

## Welcome to Our New Members

**Lisa B. Anderson**

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## PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

**BANGKOK:** When UPI closed its bureau earlier this year, **John Hail**, Bangkok bureau chief who had worked for the wire service in Thailand since 1976, was able to hang on as a UPI stringer. Hail also is editor of *Dateline Bangkok*, a quarterly magazine published by our reciprocal Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand. Carrying commercial advertisements, the slick-paper magazine is illustrated with color photos. Meanwhile, **Philippe Decaux**, French TV correspondent and club president, predicted that more correspondents and journalists may move to Bangkok "disassociating themselves from the uncertain future of Hong Kong or from the stiffness of Singapore."

Myanmar turned down **Deborah Charles'** request for a visa to cover Armed Forces Day festivities in Rangoon earlier this year, forcing the Bangkok-based roving correspondent for Reuters to spend the weekend at home. Good luck? While Rangoon was celebrating, Charles was stricken with acute appendicitis and underwent emergency surgery in Bangkok. She recovered quickly and set off on a five-week trip to the United States, Britain and Turkey.

**BEIRUT:** **Farouk Nassar**, AP, has retired after reporting from Lebanon and Syria since 1956. Nassar joined the news service in Damascus, where he was imprisoned several times before moving to Beirut in 1971. He was AP's main lead writer during Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war. After **Terry Anderson** was kidnapped in Beirut in 1985 and held hostage, Nassar was named AP's Beirut correspondent.

**BOSTON:** OPC member **Rufus Goodwin**, a former UPI staffer and Vatican correspondent, has sold his latest novel to Commonwealth Publications, a mass paperback publisher in Edmonton, Alberta. The novel, "Tear in Time's Eye," is a



Rufus Goodwin

Chaplinesque tale of a homeless hero and his Brahmin nemesis, a Beacon Hill billionaire. Goodwin, a published poet, now is marketing "Give Us This Day," a non-fiction story of prayer.

About 70 staff members including reporters in eight foreign and domestic bureaus lost their jobs this summer when Monitor Radio closed operations under mounting financial losses and problems of competing in public radio. Operated by the Christian Science Church, Monitor Radio broadcast hourly news reports and hour-long magazine features to 191 public radio stations in the United States plus short-wave broadcasts overseas.

**George Esper**, who covered the Vietnam War for AP and now reports from the wire service's Boston bureau, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by Emerson College earlier this year "for establishing excellence in journalism, for upholding the highest standards of journalistic integrity, for dedicated monitoring of young journalists and for exemplary reporting around the world." Esper has worked with students at Emerson College, Boston University and other schools.

**CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina:** **William F. Bland**, 80, an OPC member for more than 30 years, has turned over his publishing business to his daughter, **Susan B. Kensil**, and now works for her as a roving reporter. His family-owned company publishes two weekly news reports, *PetroChemical News* and *International Oil News*. After 10 years with McGraw Hill, Bill started his own company in 1963. His first publishing office was in the old OPC clubhouse at 54 West 40th Street. After the Club lost that building, he moved to North Carolina, taking with him the brass door knocker from the door of his OPC room. Inscribed "Raleigh Tavern," the knocker now graces the front door of the condominium that he and his wife own in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

**FRANKFURT:** AP has promoted **Colleen Barry**, 32, from Berlin reporter

to news editor for Germany, based in Frankfurt. In 1966, Barry moved to Berlin from AP's international desk in New York. Earlier she worked as an intern in AP's Rome bureau.



Colleen Barry

**HEBRON, West Bank:** Sixteen Palestinians, including five cameramen who were working for foreign news companies, were wounded July 13 when hit by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by Israeli soldiers during Palestinian-Israeli clashes. In Jerusalem, the Foreign Press Association said the soldiers appeared to be shooting on purpose at the cameramen, who were lightly wounded, but the army said an internal investigation "found that no intentional fire was aimed at media personnel," *The New York Times* reported. The cameramen were **Mazen Dana**, Reuters; **Imad Isseid**, AP; and others from AP and ABC. **Conny Mus**, vice chairman of the Foreign Press Association, told Reuters: "Our attitude right now is clearly to protest to the authorities to allow us to cover the events as we should and not make journalists working in the field a target."

**HOLLYWOOD, Fla:** When Britain turned Hong Kong back to China this summer, *The Miami Herald* asked OPC member **Doris Macauley** for a comment on the very different Hong Kong that she knew more than a half century ago. In 1938, after completing her first overseas news assignment in Shanghai, Macauley, then a graduate student in psychology at Columbia University, stopped in Hong Kong en route home. "I fell in love with the place," she told *The Herald*. "It was like a dream island. There were no skyscrapers, just rickshaws on the street and that beautiful Victoria Peak and the wonderful Chinese people." Macauley was so captivated by Hong Kong that she canceled plans to return to New York, got a job on *The South China Morning Post* and started a long career as a foreign correspondent in Asia and Europe.

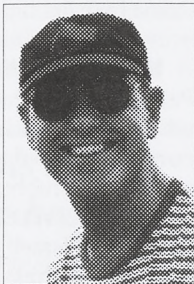
**HONG KONG:** After covering Hong Kong's return to China, OPC member  
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**Maynard Parker**, editor of *Newsweek*, harked back to the mid-1960s when he was a young *Newsweek* correspondent in Hong Kong to illustrate a face of colonialism. In an essay published this summer in *Newsweek*, Parker wrote: "It is easy, given the sensibilities of the 1990s, to celebrate the end of colonialism. Was it right for me—then a 28-year-old correspondent—to refer to the 50-year-old man who worked for me for less than \$80 a month as a 'cook-boy'? Or for him, despite my daily admonitions to the contrary, to address me each morning as 'master'? Was it right that I could be sent to the head of a long line of Chinese at a hospital emergency room just because my eyes were round? No. But if the social traditions of English colonialism lasted far too long, it was still the British who made Hong Kong's economic miracle possible."



**Maynard Parker**

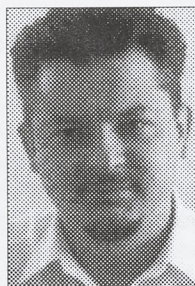
**Urban Lehner**, editor of *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, this summer was appointed executive editor of Dow Jones Asia, responsible for the editorial direction of that newspaper and the Far Eastern Economic Review, a monthly news magazine. **Reginald Chua**, replaced Lehner as editor of the *Asian Journal*.

Hong Kong's business future under Chinese rule looks bright, according to 150 business executives who attended the 1997 Hong Kong conference held by the Far East Economic Review one week before China reclaimed the territory. During the conference, an annual event, senior business professionals were polled on several issues. Ninety-two percent responded that Hong Kong's business future under China was "very bright" compared to 76 percent with that view at last year's conference. "The increase in confidence from last year to this year is a reflection of the relatively smooth way the transition has gone so far," said **Nayan Chanda**, editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. Only 35 percent of conference attendees ranked the democratic system as a key element in doing business in Hong Kong. Most participants agreed

that a number of freedoms, including freedom of the press, will be restricted after 1997.

**Tony Lawrence**, a British news broadcaster and author who has been reporting from Asia since 1956, was 85 years old on Aug. 12, and our reciprocal Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club, where he has been a long-time member, honored him at a birthday party. In 1956, BBC sent Lawrence from London to Singapore. At that time, he was the only BBC correspondent in Asia. Lawrence retired from BBC in 1974 after covering the Vietnam War and now lives in Hong Kong with his wife, Irmgard. Alcoholics Anonymous, an informal luncheon club of senior Hong Kong newsmen and hangers-on, also staged a birthday celebration for Lawrence.

**LISBON: Samir Krilic**, 34, an AP reporter in Sarajevo, has been transferred to the Lisbon bureau. Born in Bosnia, Krilic joined the wire service in 1992, and he has covered ethnic fighting in his homeland as well as other assignments in Europe. Before joining AP, he worked for CBS and ABC.



**Samir Krilic**

**LONDON: Will Dawkins**, *Financial Times* correspondent in Tokyo and immediate past president of our reciprocal Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, returned to London this summer to become the newspaper's deputy managing editor. His one-year term as club president ended June 30 with the election of a new board headed by **Steve Herman**, a CBS Radio contributor and chief of Globe Net, a TV news and feature service.

**Stan Grain**, who set up and operated the first color photo lab in AP's London bureau in the 1960s, has retired after a 40-year career with the wire service. In 1949, Grain joined AP in London as a messenger. He was a darkroom technician when he left to serve in the Royal Air Force. After military service, he rejoined AP in London and trained many London and European staffers in color photography.

**LOS ANGELES: Bernard Weinraub**, who was a correspondent for *The New York Times* in Washington, London, New Delhi and Saigon, was married on Aug. 9 in Los Angeles to Amy Beth Pascal, president of Columbia Pictures. Weinraub now is a cultural news correspondent for the *Times* in Los Angeles. His previous marriage ended in divorce.

**MEXICO CITY: Benjamin Flores Gonzalez**, a writer for the daily *La Prensa*, was killed on July 15 when four men pulled up behind him in a car and one of them shot him with an AK-47. Three days later police arrested Rolando Arroyo Palacios, whom police said was hired on orders of a convicted and jailed drug trafficker who was said to be angered by the journalist's articles.

**NEW YORK: Dinah Lee Küng**, co-chair of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, will not be in New York when her first novel is published in December. This summer Dinah moved to Switzerland from New York with her husband, Peter, when he became management controller at the International Committee of the Red Cross. With their three children, they are living in a ski village farmhouse with a view of Mont Blanc, about 25 minutes from Geneva airport. Dinah's novel, "Left in The Care Of" [Carroll and Graf], is a suspense thriller set in Hong Kong during the last Christmas before the territory was returned to China. The book's title is "a reference to the children left in care of their Filipina nannies [and] also an allusion to Hong Kong left in the care of Beijing," Dinah told the *Bulletin*. After one boy is found dead and another disappears, an American woman foreign correspondent, who is a new mother, "summons all her reporter's intuition and experience to try to forestall a third tragedy."



**Dinah Lee Küng**

Before moving to New York, Dinah Lee worked nearly 20 years in Hong Kong starting in 1974 with brief stints in London and Singapore. She wrote for *The Washington Post*, National Public Radio, *International Herald-Tribune* and *The Economist* before becoming Hong Kong bureau chief for *Business*



Week. She won the OPC's 1992 award for human rights coverage. Her new address: Ferme Sous Les Roches, Chemin Sous Les Roches, St. Cergue, Switzerland, 1264.

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OPC board member **Norman A. Schorr** was back home in August after surgery on July 2 to remove a blood clot between his brain and cranium. "I'm making progress," Schorr reported, adding that he is resuming work from his New York apartment on the Club's Freedom of the Press Committee that he co-chairs. Schorr was injured June 16 when he accidentally fell in Vancouver, B.C., where he and his wife, Thelma, were handling public relations for the congress of the International Council of Nurses.

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After 21 years as a foreign correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*, OPC member **Barry Newman** has returned to the U.S. and now is a feature writer for the *Journal's* Page One. Winner of a 1988 OPC award, Barry covered Asia for the *Journal* while based in Singapore and then transferred to London, from where he covered Western Europe for five years and Eastern Europe and Russia for 11 years.

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Yun-feng Pai, director of the Chinese Information & Culture Center in New York City and an OPC member since 1993, retired this summer after 42 years of service in the Taiwan government. Pai often attended OPC events and will be missed particularly at the Club's annual Twelfth Day of Christmas Party to which he always brought his office staff and great raffle prizes. New director of the Information and Culture Center, a part of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York, is Dr. Yuh-chao Yu.

◆  
**Graciella Levi Castillo**, an OPC member since 1956, visited New York City in July from her home in Guayaquil, Ecuador. She stopped in the OPC office to pay her dues, to express her wishes for an OPC clubhouse, to share news of her hip replacement operation and to talk about the good old days at the OPC.

◆  
Two chance meetings, the first at the OPC and the second in the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club, shaped the career and life of **John Toland**, the



**John Toland (left) and Toshiko Matsumura**

Pulitzer and OPC Award-winning author. At the old OPC clubhouse, Toland was introduced to the publisher who shepherded his manuscripts into prize-winning histories of World War II. At the FCC in Tokyo, he met the Japanese woman who became his interpreter, researcher, advisor and wife. Now 85, Toland describes these chance meetings in his autobiographical book published in July, "Captured by History: One Man's Vision of Our Tumultuous Century" [New York: St. Martin's Press]. In 1959, a war correspondent invited Toland to the OPC, where Jean Ennis, publicity director at Random House introduced herself and invited him to a late dinner the publisher was giving at the Algonquin Hotel for James Michener. Jean told Toland: "Someday I'm going to get you for Random House." She did. Random House published several of Toland's books starting with "Battle: The Story of the Bulge" and including "The Rising Sun: The Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire 1936-1945" that won one of his five OPC book awards and the 1971 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction. In 1960, while doing research in Japan for his book, "But Not in Shame: The Six Months After Pearl Harbor," Toland was having difficulty with his interpreter. One evening he joined Igor Oganessoff, *The Wall Street Journal*; Dan Kurzman, McGraw-Hill World News; and several other correspondents at dinner in the Foreign Correspondents' Club. Toland writes in his autobiography, "I noticed a petite girl heading toward our table. She carried herself regally, floating like a princess. I had never seen such beauty. I fell in love with her the moment I saw her." The woman was **Toshiko Matsumura**, a correspondent for McGraw Hill World News working with **Sol Sanders**. Matsumura agreed to interpret for Toland. In March 1960, a month after they met, John and Toshiko were married in Tokyo. Toland has written 13

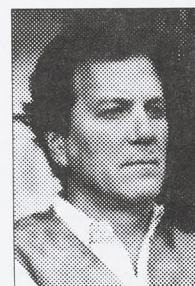
nonfiction books, many of them dealing with Japan and Germany in World War II; a history of the first World War and another on the Korean War; and two novels. In 1966, Toland and his wife started their research in Japan for his book "The Rising Sun," an account of World War II as seen by Japanese.

◆  
Two books dealing with postwar Japan and written by former Tokyo correspondents were published this summer, and they were reviewed at length in *The New York Times* by another former Tokyo correspondent, **Frank Gibney**, a longtime



**Frank Gibney**

member of our reciprocal Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club and that Club's first vice president, 1969-1970. The books are "Japan: A Reinterpretation" [New York: Pantheon Books] by **Patrick Smith**, former Tokyo bureau chief for the *International Herald Tribune*; and "Shadow Shoguns: The Rise and Fall of Japan's Postwar Political Machine" [New York: Simon & Schuster] by **Jacob M. Schlesinger**, a former reporter in *The Wall Street Journal's* Tokyo bureau. Gibney, now president of the Pacific Basin Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., worked in Tokyo and London for *Time* magazine and the Encyclopedia Britannica and has written several books on Japan.



**Patrick Smith**

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**Don C. Becker**, 63, president of the New York City-based *Journal of Commerce* and a former UPI correspondent and news executive in Asia and the Caribbean, has announced that he will retire on Sept. 30. Becker was UPI's regional manager in Singapore, Manila, Puerto Rico and Florida and deputy to the commissioner of the National Professional Soccer League before joining Knight-Ridder in 1973 as director of corporate relations. He was publisher of the newspaper group's Post-Tribune in Gary, Indiana, and president of its *Detroit Free Press* before joining *The*

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*Journal of Commerce* in 1985. Two years ago, Knight-Ridder sold the *Journal* to The Economist Group of London.

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**Jeff Trimble**, an assistant managing editor and formerly a Moscow correspondent for *U.S. News & World Report*, has left the magazine to accept a government radio job in Prague. **Christian Caryl** is the magazine's new Moscow correspondent.

**PHNOM PENH:** **Michael Sokhon Sr.**, 24, an English-language news announcer at a Phnom Penh broadcast station, was shot dead on a Phnom Penh street July 7 while photographing soldiers. A Cambodian-born citizen of Canada who also used the name Michael Kent Sr., Sokhon was going home from work in the late afternoon when he stopped to photograph soldiers stationed on a boulevard. His family said the soldiers opened fire because he was taking their picture. The incident happened during military clashes between opposing Cambodian government factions.

**ROME:** AP has transferred correspondent **Candice P. Hughes** from Moscow to Rome.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** OPC member **David Horowitz**, for 30 years a consumer rights defender on radio and television, this summer added the telephone market to his agenda. MCI appointed Horowitz to lead a national education campaign on the benefits of competition in the local telephone market.

**TAIPEI:** After two Dow Jones officials met with President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan, the Taiwan government bent its rules this summer in order to allow *The Asian Wall Street Journal* to print on the island. Under Taiwan law, a foreign publication to be printed in Taiwan must be registered with the government and have a local publisher. **Karen Elliott House**, president of Dow Jones' international operations, and **William Adamopoulos**, managing director of *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, discussed the issue with Lee, who then told his government to help Dow Jones. Earlier this summer, *The Asian Wall Street Journal* announced plans to print in Seoul. The newspaper also is printed

in Hong Kong, its publishing headquarters, and Singapore, Tokyo, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur.

**TOKYO:** A documentary film on the life of **Kyoichi Sawada**, a UPI photographer who won two OPC awards and a Pulitzer Prize during the Vietnam War, has been released in Japan. At his own request, Sawada went to Vietnam from Tokyo in 1965 to cover the war. In 1970 at the age of 34, he was killed in a Communist ambush near Phnom Penh. Titled "Sawada," the film includes appearances by several Vietnam War correspondents, among them OPC member **Joe Gallowsay**, **Leon Daniel**, **Kate Webb**, **Rikio Imajo** and **Charlie Smith**, who died last year.



**Kyoichi Sawada**

◆  
**Emily Thornton** has joined the staff of *Business Week* in Tokyo. **Michael Shari**, the magazine's stringer in Jakarta, has moved to Singapore as a full-time *Business Week* correspondent.

**DECEASED:** **Peter Braestrup**, 68, a former Vietnam War correspondent for *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, died Aug. 10 of a heart attack at a medical center in Rockport, Maine, where he was vacationing. A resident of Washington, D.C., he was senior editor and director of communications for the Library of Congress at the time of his death. After working for *Time* magazine and *The New York Herald Tribune*, Braestrup joined the



**Peter Braestrup**

Washington bureau of the *Times* in 1960. He left the *Times* in 1968 to join *The Washington Post's* Saigon bureau for a year, then worked on the *Post's* national staff in Washington, 1969-1973. After retiring from daily journalism, he was founding editor of *The Wilson Quarterly*, the magazine of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington. He joined the Library of Congress in 1989. Braestrup was author of "The Big Story" [Westview Press,

1977], an analysis of Vietnam news coverage.

◆  
**Horace Bristol**, a photojournalist who photographed migrant farm workers in California, World War II in the Pacific and life in rural Korea, died Aug. 4 in Ojai, California, after a bout with colon cancer. He was 88. In 1937 and 1938, Bristol, one of *Life* magazine's first staff photographers, and author John Steinbeck photographed and interviewed migrant farm families in California. From those interviews, Steinbeck wrote his 1940 Pulitzer Prize novel, "The Grapes of Wrath," about farm families who migrated to California from the Oklahoma Dust Bowl during the Great Depression. At least five Bristol photos were published on *Life* covers. During World War II, Bristol joined Edward Steichen's Naval Photographic Unit One that covered fighting in the Pacific. After the war, he



**Horace Bristol**

settled in Japan and took what he considered his best pictures: rural scenes in Korea. In 1956, his first wife, depressed following a hysterectomy in Tokyo, committed suicide. Saddened, Bristol put away his cameras, destroyed many of his negatives and abandoned photography. Later he married a Japanese woman and became an architect, designing houses in Japan and Mexico before he and his wife, Mariko, who survives, moved to California in 1976.

◆  
**Saul Poliak**, 92, who was a reporter for *The Christian Science Monitor* in Mexico in the 1920s, died Aug. 2 at his home in West Redding, Conn. In 1929, after working for the *Monitor*, Poliak co-founded one of the first companies to manage trade shows. He headed that company when it was sold in 1987. In 1983, Poliak and his wife, Janice, donated \$3 million to the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism to establish a center for press freedom issues under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.



**Saul Poliak**



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**Kenneth W. Bilby**, who had been a foreign correspondent in Europe and the Middle East, died Aug. 1 of leukemia in Dallas. He was 78. With *The New York Herald Tribune*, Bilby was a United Nations correspondent, assistant city editor and a correspondent in Europe and the Middle East. He also worked in public relations for NBC and RCA. In 1966, following his retirement from RCA, where he was executive vice president, Bilby wrote a book, "The General," an account of David Sarnoff's role in creating RCA.

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**Mette Horlyck Pharr**, 37, a Washington, D.C., correspondent for Danish publications and radio, died Aug. 1 at her home of breast cancer. She had lived in Washington since 1986. Born in Copenhagen, Pharr was a correspondent for a Danish business newspaper, a stringer for labor union publications, a feature reporter for the Danish Broadcasting Corporation and a magazine writer. Her radio reports included interviews with celebrities and live reports of a motorcycle trip that she made with her husband, W. Shaun Pharr, through southern U.S. states.

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**Robert V. Leary**, 65, who covered the Vietnam War as a freelance writer and also worked for UPI, died of cancer July 23 in a Wilmington, Delaware, hospital. For the past 22 years, Leary was a reporter, columnist and editor at the *Wilmington News Journal*. He was a reporter at *The Boston Globe*, 1959-1963, and the old Washington, D.C. *Evening Star*, 1963-1965. He won an award from the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association for a column on people who use telephone booths as dressing rooms.

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The death of **Lyle Van**, who covered World War II for NBC radio network and worked with newscaster **H. V. Kaltenborn**, was reported in the New York Daily News July 30. Van, 92, died at his home in Florida. After the war, he anchored NBC's "Pure Oil News," and in the early 1950s joined New York City radio station WOR, where he anchored newscasts and broadcast his own program, "News on the Human Side." He retired in 1978 at age 73.

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**Ernest Weatherall**, a foreign correspondent who worked for several broad-

casters and newspapers, died July 16 at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Washington, D.C., of complications from a stroke nine years ago. He was 82. For more than three decades after World War II, Weatherall worked for CBS and ABC News, *Stars and Stripes*, *International Herald Tribune*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *Chicago Daily News*. In 1969 he won an OPC citation for his coverage of India and in 1974 he won an OPC award for best radio spot news from aboard covering the invasion of Cyprus. In 1979, he settled in Washington, where he wrote and produced documentary films. He was author of three novels published in the 1950s and 1960s.

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**Bruno J. Zehnder**, 52, an award-winning magazine photographer who lived in New York City, died of "acute heart failure and super cooling" when he became lost during an Antarctic storm. Russian Antarctic officials reported on July 15. Working from Russia's Mirnyy Base on his third photojournalism trip with the Russian Antarctic program, Zehnder left Mirnyy July 7 in an attempt to film emperor penguins incubating their eggs. Born in Switzerland, Zehnder was a freelance photographer whose pictures appeared in European and U.S. magazines. He traveled extensively in Asia and photographed life in Vietnam after the war. Under terms of his will, Zehnder was buried in Antarctica by his Russian companions.

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**Leo Grulio**, a self-taught Soviet scholar and a former *Christian Science Monitor* correspondent in Moscow, died July 13 in a hospice near his home in Columbus, Ohio. He was 84. Although his education did not go beyond high school, Grulio established *The Current Digest of the Soviet Press* that for many years was a principal source for scholars on developments behind the Iron Curtain. During the Depression, the New York City political weekly where Grulio was working folded, and he accepted an opening on an English-language newspaper that the Soviet government had started in Moscow for tourists. During four years in Moscow, he

learned Russian well enough to find work as a translator when he returned to New York in 1939. After working in radio news in Washington, he returned to the Soviet Union during World War II as field representative of Russian War Relief, an official American program to provide food, clothing and medical supplies to the Soviet Union. After establishing *The Current Digest* and moving it to Columbus in 1969, Grulio served for three years as Moscow bureau chief for *The Christian Science Monitor*. He wrote one book, "Moscow" [Time-Life, 1977], and translated a number of works by Soviet authors.

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**Charles Taylor**, 62, a former correspondent in Asia for *The Globe and Mail* of Toronto, died July 8 of cancer. Taylor joined the Toronto newspaper in 1962 and became its Asia correspondent. He wrote the book "Reporter in Red China." In 1980 after his father, industrialist E. P. Taylor, suffered a stroke, the younger Taylor took over Windfields Farm, which had bred Northern Dancer, winner of the 1964 Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

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**Yong-Hyun Kim**, who worked for several English and Korean-language newspapers in Seoul before and after becoming an award-winning science writer at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., died July 4 in a Syracuse, N.Y., health center. He was 71. During his 25 years in Cornell's public relations department, 1965-1990, Kim won several writing awards from the Agricultural Communicators in Education. After retiring from the university, Kim returned to South Korea, where he had been a newspaper reporter before moving to the United States, and worked as an adviser to *The Korea Daily* and *The Korea Herald*. He later settled again in Ithaca with his family.

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**Robert LeRoy Muller Sr.**, a longtime member of the OPC, died June 4 in Norwalk, Conn., of heart failure while sleeping. He was a UPI editor before working in financial public relations. At his death, he was chairman of Fenrir Industries, Inc., which he co-founded with this son. Muller was a co-founder of the old OPC-sponsored Overseas Yacht Club. In a note to the OPC, his wife, Jean, wrote: "He began his news career just out of college in Trenton, (Continued on Page 8)



## Balkan Lovers Meet Again

*The following is reprinted from the summer 1997 edition of Internews Report, the newsletter of the Internews Network, a nonprofit group supporting independent media in emerging countries.*

When seventeen year-old Tanja and her lover Igor parted at a railway station six years ago, they thought it would just be for a few days. But the brutal realities of the war in the former Yugoslavia meant that it would be six long years before they saw or talked to each other again.

"I was along and I missed you so much. I was super in love with you," she told him in a satellite link produced by Internews Europe in May.

"For me, everything just fell apart. And I needed a long time to recover from all that," he answered.

The link between Tanja Greganovic, a Croat in the Croatian city of Osijek, and Igor Vodicka, a Serb now living in neighboring Vukovar and afraid to come back to Osijek, was an intimate look at the ethnic divisions still separating old friends and lovers in the former Yugoslavia.

"Vukovar/Osijek: When We Said Goodbye" met with a huge audience and rave reviews when it was broadcast by private television stations in Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia. Viewers from around the region, some crying, called to ask for reruns of this real-life "Romeo and Juliet" story.

Funded by the Council of Europe and the UN High Commission for Refugees, the program was part of a series of critically acclaimed video links produced by Internews Europe for the former Yugoslavia.

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New Jersey, and loved everything about it—especially his fellow newsmen! He was saddened that not too many of the young people coming along honored the integrity of their predecessors."

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**Ernest Gus Fischer**, an AP correspondent who was interned in Germany when the United States entered World War II, died early this year in a nursing home in Bartlett, Texas. He was 94. Fischer was stationed in AP's Berlin bureau in 1939 when the war started, and he accompanied German troops invading the Soviet Union. The Germans interned him after America came into the war, but he was later exchanged for German nationals. He

then worked for AP in Dallas, Switzerland and New Orleans. After retiring from the wire service in 1967, Fischer, author of four books, taught journalism at Tulane University, West Texas State University and the University of Texas.

**CORRECTION:** The Silver Hard Hat Award is the correct name of the award that OPC member **Dan Morris**, editor of McGraw Hill construction books, received on May 1 from the Construction Writers Association in Washington [Bulletin, June 1997].

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## Polich Photos in Auction

Former OPC board member John Polich's classic images of the Kennedys and Venice have been chosen for the 1997 Photo Soho Auction for the Homeless September 24 in New York City.

The works were selected by Maryann Courville, curator of the Buhl Foundation's collections. There are twin black and white images of John and Jackie Kennedy made in Texas the afternoon before JFK was killed, and a 20"x30" color print of the Grand Canal at dusk.

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## ABOUT THE OPC

**The Overseas Press Club of America** is the nation's oldest and largest association of journalists engaged in international news. Founded in 1939 by 13 foreign correspondents in New York, the OPC has grown to more than 500 members worldwide. The club's mission is to uphold the highest standards in news reporting, advance press freedoms, and promote good fellowship among colleagues. Its activities include events, scholarships and reciprocal relationships with press clubs around the globe. All those with a professional interest in international journalism are invited to contact the OPC about membership.

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